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SUBJECT: PLANNED TRIP OF AFP CHIEF OF STAFF TO ISRAEL, GENEVA AND
SOVIET UNION

1. AFP CHIEF OF STAFF ESPINO INFORMED EMOBFF OCTOBER 11
THAT HE IS PLANNING TO LEAVE OCTOBER 22 FOR A RED CROSS
MEETING IN GENEVA.

2. ON THE WAY TO EUROPE, ESPINO WILL MAKE AN UNOFFICIAL
STOP IN ISRAEL TO LOOK OVER AN ISRAELI PROPECT CARGO
PLANE WHICH ESPINO DESCRIBES AS A "MODERN C-47". (WE
ARE ALSO AWARE THAT ISRAELI SALESMEN WERE RECENTLY IN MANILA
PUSHING THE NEW JET "KFIR" INTERCEPTOR.)

3. ON HIS RETURN TRIP FROM EUROPE, GENERAL ESPINO PLANS
TO FLY THROUGH THE SOVIET UNION MAKING SHORT STOPS AT
MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. ESPINO SAID THAT HE LOOKS UPON
HIS TRIP THROUGH THE USSR AS AN UNOFFICIAL SIGHT-
SEEING SOJOURN BUT IS NOT SURE WHETHER
SOVIET AUTHORITES WILL APPROACH IT IN THE SAME WAY.

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4. ESPINO SAID THAT THE DURATION OF HIS TRIP THROUGH ISRAEL, EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL DEPEND ON A DETERMINATION NOW PENDING WITH MARCOS:. HE ANTICIPATES THAT MARCOS WILL ALLOW HIM TO BE AWAY FOR NO MORE THAN THREE WEEKS.
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